

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

No matter how much some politicians and megacorp people might like a favorable climate for unending profit making, this is not good public policy. The public, true owners of the airwaves, will catch on. At the very least, the long term effects of a very few companies owning cable companies is very detrimental to the full information needed for democracies to work as they should; they just do not understand, appreciate or really care about their proper role, as this much power distorts all information. It is well known that that much money and power are the bottom line, balanced information becomes unavailable and even unrecognizable. This is a very dangerous turn for this country.

Please do much more to respect whatever democracy and its institutions we have left, and to strengthen the role of free discourse via the airwaves; we need more sides to be heard, now fewer. Use your long distance vision in the service of full information and less consolidation of power.